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THE FOLLOWING IS FURNISHED IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL (A):

1. ARNE ANGELOF, OMBUDSMAN, THE SWEDISH METAL WORKERS' UNION, SPECIALIZES IN LABOR MARKET AND INDUSTRIAL POLITICAL MATTERS. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL LABOR MARKET BOARD (AMS), THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMISSION ON ENQUIRY ON THE AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY, THE NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL BOARD'S ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR FOUNDRIES AND HARDWARE AND IS AN EXPERT IN THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY ON MOTOR VEHICLES. HE IS 47 YEARS OLD. THE EMBASSY RECORDS CONTAIN NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON ANGELOF. LABATT HAS MET HIM BUT ONLY FOR A MINUTE OR TWO WHILE BEING INTRODUCED AROUND THE METAL WORKERS' OFFICES.

2. STELLAN ARTIN, IS A DIRECTOR OF AND THE HEAD OF THE LABOR MARKET POLITICAL SECTION OF THE SWEDISH EMPLOYERS' CONFEDERATION (SAF). HE CONCENTRATES ON LABOR MARKET POLICY, CO-DETERMINATION QUESTIONS AND EQUALITY MATTERS.
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HE IS A MEMBER OF THE JOINT ADVISORY DELEGATION FOR THE PLANNING OF LABOR MARKET TRAINING AND SEVERAL JOINT COMMITTEES WITHIN AMS. ARTIN IS EXTREMELY ARTICULATE, OFTEN OUTSPOKEN, AND IS VERY ADROIT AT REPRESENTING THE EMPLOYERS' INTERESTS BEFORE LESS THAN FRIENDLY AUDIENCES. HE SERVED AS SWEDISH LABOR ATTACHE IN BRUSSELS FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AND

IS WELL KNOWN INTERNATIONALLY. HE IS AN ACCOMPLISHED LINGUIST SPEAKING PERFECT BRITISH ENGLISH AS WELL AS RUSSIAN, FRENCH, GERMAN AND PERHAPS SEVERAL OTHER LANGUAGES. HE OFTEN SERVES AS SAF'S SPOKESMAN IN PUBLIC MEETINGS. THE LABOR ATTACHE HAS HEARD HIM SPEAK IN PUBLIC THREE TIMES IN LESS THAN TWO MONTHS IN STOCKHOLM. ARTIN IS A YOUNG 40.

3. SVEN-UNO BRATTNAS, FIRST OMBUDSMAN OF THE SWEDISH INDUSTRIAL SALARIED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (SIF) WHICH IS AFFILIATED WITH THE SWEDISH CENTRAL ORGANIZATION OF SALARIED EMPLOYEES (TCO), CONCEN- TRATES ON MATTERS OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY AND LABOR MARKET QUESTIONS. HE IS A MEMBER OF AMS'S GOVERNNING BOARD, THE SWEDISH EMPLOYMENT SECURITY COUNCIL. HE IS 48 YEARS OLD. NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON HIM IS AVAILABLE TO THE EMBASSY.

4. ETHEL HELIN, OMBUDSMAN, THE SWEDISH CLOTHING WORKERS' UNION IS INVOLVED IN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND WAGES, LABOR LAW, LABOR MARKET INSURANCE, UNEM- PLOYMENT INSURANCE, SOCIETY MATTERS, JOB ENVIRONMENT, TRAINING AND IMMIGRANT WORKERS. SHE IS A DEPUTY MEMBER OF AMS'S GOVERNING BOARD, THE SOCIAL DEMO- CRATIC PARTY, THE REFERENCE GROUP TO THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT, AND THE PUBLIC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MERCHANDISE COMPLAINTS BOARD. SHE IS 41 YEARS OLD. THE EMBASSY HAS NO OTHER INFORMATION ON FILE ON HELIN BUT HER SECTOR IS ONE WHICH IS HEAVILY IM- PACTED BY BOTH FOREIGN COMPETITION AND IMMIGRANT LABOR.

5. ARNE CARLSSON IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH UNIT IN THE LABOR MINISTRY (ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEVEL). HE IS 57 YEARS OLD. CARLSSON HAS BEEN TO THE US MANY TIMES IN THE PAST AND IS ACTIVE IN THE OECD, ILO, AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. HE IS A DISCIPLE OF GOSTA REHN AND HIS ACTIVE LABOR MARKET THEORIES WHICH HAVE BEEN APPLIED IN SWEDEN SINCE THE EARLY 1950'S. HIS MOST RECENT INVOLVEMENT WITH THE US WAS A VISIT WHICH FOCUSED ON THE USE OF COMPUTERS IN THE EMPLOY- MENT SERVICE. HE WAS IN MILWAUKEE AND HOT SPRINGS, ARK. DURING 1977 STUDYING THE US EMPLOYMENT SERVICE COMPUTER SYSTEMS. THE SWEDISH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE IS RAPIDLY ADOPTING A SIMILAR SYSTEM AND CARLSSON CONTINUES TO SEND TECHNICIANS FROM HIS OFFICE TO THE US ON A REGULAR BASIS. CARSSON IS AN OUTSPOKEN ADVOCATE OF HEAVY GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION IN THE

LABOR MARKET AND SPEAKS WITH APPROVAL OF NEW PROPOSALS REQUIRING EMPLOYERS IN SWEDEN TO REPORT ALL VACANCIES TO THE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES HAVE BEEN ILLEGAL FOR YEARS IN SWEDEN). CARLSSON IS SLIGHTLY BUILT, GREY HAired, AND IS VERY ENERGETIC.

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6. GAD LOFSTRAND, OMBUDSMAN OF THE SWEDISH BUILDING WORKERS' UNION IS A MEMBER OF THE JOINT TRADE COMMITTEE OF BOTH THE BUILDING INDUSTRY, AND THE SWEDISH FEDERATION OF CIVIL ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS. HE IS A MEMBER OF AMS'S GOVERNNING BODY AND THE LABOR MARKET POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF THE SWEDISH CONFEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS. HE IS 50 YEARS OLD. NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON HIM IS CONTAINED IN THE EMBASSY FILES.

7. STEN MARCUSSON IS THE RESEARCH SECRETARY AND THE HEAD OF THE LABOR MARKET POLITICAL QUESTIONS UNIT AT THE CENTRAL ORGANIZATION OF THE SWEDISH CONFEDERATION OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS (SACO/SR). HE IS A DEPUTY MEMBER OF THE AMS GOVERNING BODY, THE CENTRAL REVIEWING BOARD FOR UNIVERSITY EDUCATION, THE COMMITTEE OF ENQUIRY ON TEACHERS' TRAINING, THE COMMITTEE OF ENQUIRY ON TEACHERS' APPOINTMENT (COLLEGES) AND THE EXPERT GROUP FOR RESEARCH WITHIN THE LABOR MARKET. HE IS 37 YEARS OLD. SECRETARY MARSHALL MET MARCUSSON AT THE DINNER HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR WACHTMEISTER IN MARCH 1977. MARCUSSON IS LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING A BIT MORE OF THE STATES ON THIS TRIP ALTHOUGH A

NEW BABY AT HOME WILL FORCE HIM TO SEOMWHAT
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SHORTEN HIS US VISIT. HE IS PARTICULARLY INTE-
RESTED IN SEEING US LABOR MARKET POLICY BEING
IMPLEMENTED IN THE FIELD. HE FELT HE GOT A GOOD
EXPOSURE TO DOL'S HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONS DURING
HIS 1977 VISIT.

8. AKSEL SPENDRUP IS THE CHIEF OF THE EMPLOYMENT
PLANNING DEPARTMENT OF AMS. HE WORKS PRINCIPALLY
ON EMPLOYMENT PLANNING, INCLUDING RESEARCH
AND FORECASTING, EMERGENCY WORK PROJECTS AND
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT. HE IS 58 YEARS OLD. SPENDRUP
IS A FAIRLY FREQUENT VISITOR TO THE US SINCE HE HAS
A BROTHER WHO HAS LIVED IN GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO,
FOR MANY YEARS (MANUFACTURES AND SELLS MINING
MACHINERY OF SOME SORT). SPENDRUP ENJOYS A VERY
CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH AMS DIRECTOR GENE-
RAL REHNBERG. SPENDRUP'S WIFE IS NORWEGIAN AND THEY
LIVED IN ENGLAD AT ONE TIME. HIS WIFE WILL ACCOM-
PANY HIM ON HIS US TRIP.

9. NILS UNGA IS THE RESEARCH SECRETARY OF THE WHITE-
COLLAR CONFEDERATION (TCO). HE CONCENTRATES ON EM-
PLOYMENT MATTERS, LABOR MARKET QUESTIONS AND IMMI-
GRATION MATTERS. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE EMPLOYMENT
SECURITY COMMITTEE AND THE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE OF
ENQUIRY ON THE SWEDISH STATE HOLDING COMPANY. HE IS
34 YEARS OLD. NO OTHER INFORMATION.

10. ULF WESTERBERG, LO OMBUDSMAN AND HEAD OF UNIT IS
A DEPUTY MEMBER OF THE AMS GOVERNING BODY, THE LABOR
MARKET POLITICAL GROUP OF THE COMMITTEE OF EMPLOY-
MENT, THE ENERGY COMMITTEE, AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
OF DANDERYD. HE IS 36 YEARS OLD. THE EMBASSY HAS
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BEEN CONSIDERING HIM AS A CANDIDATE FOR A US SPON-
SORED MEETING ON YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT IN LONDON BUT
HAS HAD TO ABANDON THE IDEA BECAUSE HE WILL BE IN THE
US AT THE TIME. HE HAS VISITED THE US PREVIOUSLY.

11. OSBORNE BARTLEY IS THE CHAIRMAN (PRESIDENT) OF
SACO/SR. DURING HIS TEN YEARS OF LEADERSHIP SACO/SR
HAS GROWN FROM A MEMBERSHIP OF AROUND 120,000 TO

200,000. BARTLEY'S PLAINSPOKENESS ON THE NEED TO ARREST AND REVERSE THE CONTINUING DECLINE IN REAL EARNINGS OF SWEDISH PROFESSIONALS HAS CERTAINLY CONTRIBUTED TO THIS GROWTH. BARTLEY IS NOT THE LEAST BIT DEFENSIVE IN STATING THAT THE BRIGHT AND WELL EDUCATED OUGHT TO BE MORE HIGHLY COMPENSATED FOR THEIR "HONEST WORK" IN MOVING THE SWEDISH ECONOMY AHEAD. THIS HAS BROUGHT HIM INTO CONSIDERABLE CONFLICT WITH LO AND MORE ESPECIALLY WITH TCO WHERE A GOOD DEAL OF RAIDING GOES ON IN THE GREY AREAS OF THE SACO/SR-TCO JURISDICTIONS. BARTLEY HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY VIGOROUS IN ATTACKING THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC TAX POLICIES WHICH HE STATES ARE POSITIVE DISINCENTIVES TO HARD WORK BY HIS MEMBERSHIP. HE IS NOW INSISTING THAT THE NON-SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT REFORM THE TAX SYSTEM TO GIVE HIGH INCOME EARNERS A BETTER BREAK. WHATEVER HIS TECHNIQUE IT SEEMS TO HIT A RESPONSIVE CORD WITH HIS MEMBERSHIP WHICH CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN HIM IN OFFICE, NO MEAN FEAT IN THE COMPLICATED INTERNAL POLITICS OF SACO/SR (BARTLEY CAME TO POWER HIMSELF AS THE RESULT OF AN INTERNAL REVOLT IN 1968). DESPITE ALL OF THE ABOVE WHEN ASSESSING BARTLEY'S IMPORTANCE IT MUST ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED THAT SACO/SR IS A VERY WEAK THIRD AMONG LABOR CONFEDERATIONS ON THE NATIONAL POLITICAL SCENE BEING COMPLETELY OVERSHADOWED BY THE TWO-MILLION-MEMBER LO AND THE ONE-MILLION-MEMBER TCO. BARTLEY'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PERSONAL LIFE SEEMS TO BE IN SOME DISARRAY. HE HAS A WIFE (ALSO A MEDICAL DOCTOR AS IS BARTLEY- HE WAS A PROFESSOR OF X-RAY DIAGNOSIS BEFORE BECOMING A FULL-TIME TRADE UNIONIST) IN GOTEBOG

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BUT SPENDS MOST OF HIS TIME IN STOCKHOLM WHERE HE LIVES WITH A GIRL FRIEND. HIS GIRL FRIEND WILL ACCOMPANY HIS TO THE US. HIS PRINCIPAL RECREATION IS SAILING (JOURNALISTS ALWAYS ADD "HIS FORTY THOUSAND DOLLAR YACHT"). HE IS WELL DISPOSED TOWARDS THE US WHERE HE HAS BEEN A FAIRLY FREQUENT VISITOR BOTH AS A DOCTOR AND A TRADE-UNIONIST. HE HAS HAD THE LABATT TO LUNCH AND IS LOOKING FORWARD TO HIS TRIP. HE HAS ALSO VISITED THE SOVIET UNION WHERE HE WAS QUITE IMPRESSED BY THE MEDICAL DELIVERY SYSTEM AND MUCH LESS IMPRESSED BY TRADE UNION ACTIVITY. HE HAS TRAVELLED EXTENSIVELY IN MANY OTHER COUNTRIES.

12. ALLAN LARSSON IS THE EX-UNDERSECRETARY OF LABOR. HE CURRENTLY IS EMPLOYED AS AN ADVISOR TO THE METAL WORKERS AND AS AN ECONOMIC ADVISOR TO THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARLIAMENT GROUP. AS REPORTED REFTEL B HE IS WIDELY RUMORED TO BE SLATED TO BECOME MINISTER OF INDUSTRY IN A NEW SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT. HE IS 40 YEARS OLD. PROBABLY HIS MOST IMPORTANT CURRENT JOB IS AS LABOR'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE COMMISSION WHICH IS RESTRUCTURING SWEDEN'S STEEL INDUSTRY. LARSSON IS EXTREMELY BRIGHT AND INCISIVE AND IS VERY WELL DISPOSED TOWARDS THE US. HE FEELS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT HIS WEAKEST SUIT IS IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND THIS WAS A FACTOR WHICH MOTIVATED HIM TO ACCEPT THE OFFER OF A LEADER GRANT FOR AUG-SEPT 1978. HE IS EXTREMELY WELL ORGANIZED, AN INVETERATE MAKER OF LISTS, AND THE SORT OF MAN WHO TAKES A BULGING BRIEFCASE ON VACATION WITH HIM. HE HAS WORKED A GOOD DEAL AS A JOURNALIST AND STILL DABBLES IN TURNING OUT POPULARIZED VERSIONS OF THE THEORY UNDERLYING SWEDEN'S ACTIVIST LABOR MARKET POLICY FOR THE SWEDISH INSTITUTE. HIS WIFE IS ALSO A TRADE UNION OFFICIAL AND THEY SHARE THE TASK OF RAISING THEIR CHILDREN. HE IS CLOSE TO SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC LEADER OLOF PALME AND MUST BE CONSIDERED ONE OF LABOR'S LEADING LIGHTS AMONG THE YOUNGER SOCIAL DEMOCRATS. LARSSON WILL PROBABLY ONLY

ATTEND THAT PORTION OF THE SWEDISH INSTITUTE PROGRAM WHICH TAKES PLACE ON THE WEST COAST. HE CAN'T GET AWAY FROM STOCKHOLM FOR THE WHOLE PERIOD AND HE EXPECTS TO BE IN WASHINGTON IN THE FALL.

13. GUNNAR LINDSTROM IS A DIRECTOR OF SAF WHO SPECIALIZES IN LABOR MARKET POLICY, INDUSTRIAL SAFETY, INDUSTRIAL HEALTH, AND LABOR LAW. HE IS A MEMBER OF AMS'S GOVERNING BODY, THE NATIONAL BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH AND THE LABOR COURT. HE IS 60 YEARS OLD. EMBASSY FILES CONTAIN NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON LINDSTROM BUT LABATT HAS BEEN INVITED TO SPEND THE DAY AT SAF ON APRIL 21 AND WILL REPORT ANY INFORMATION GLEANED BY SEPTTEL.
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